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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



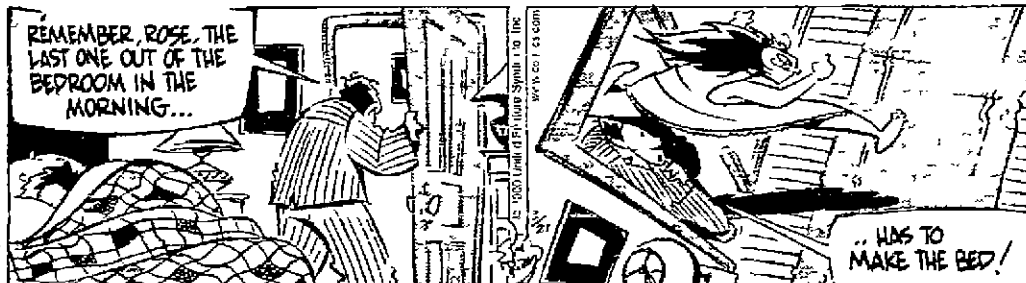
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ANDY CAPP



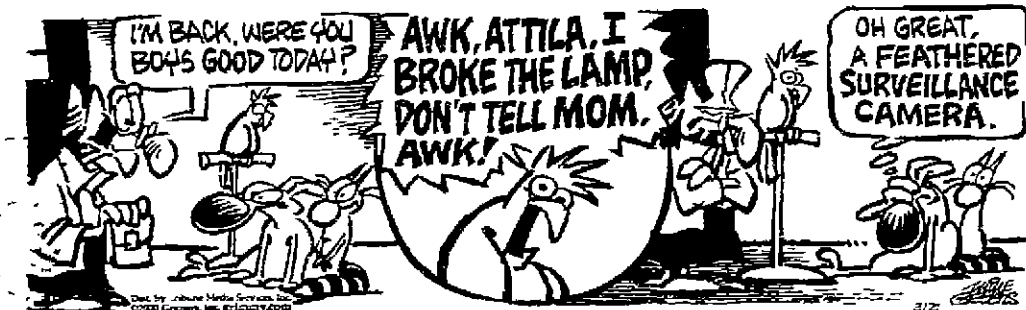
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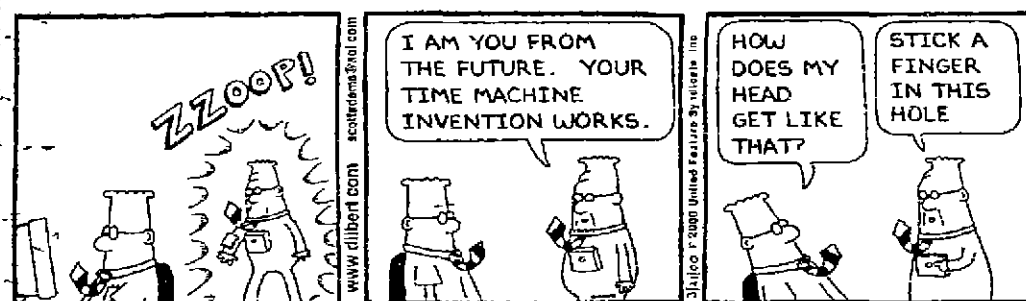
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



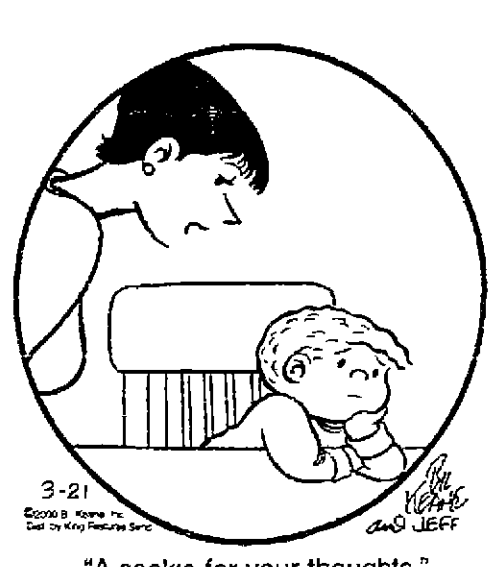
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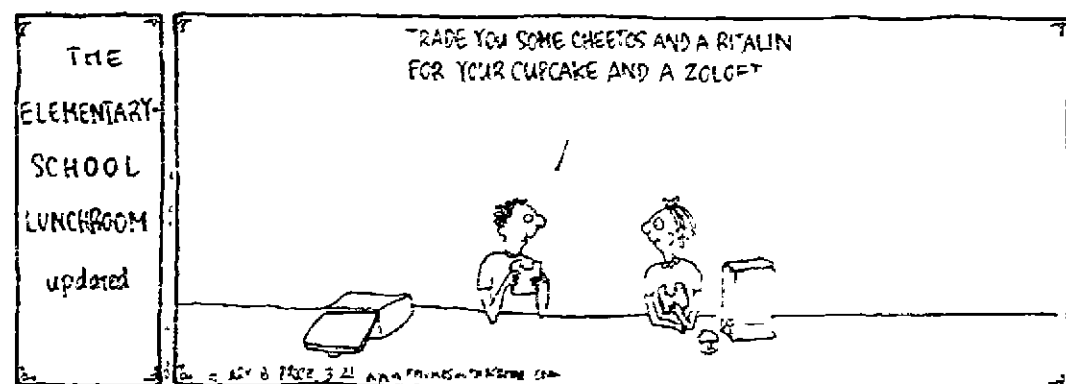
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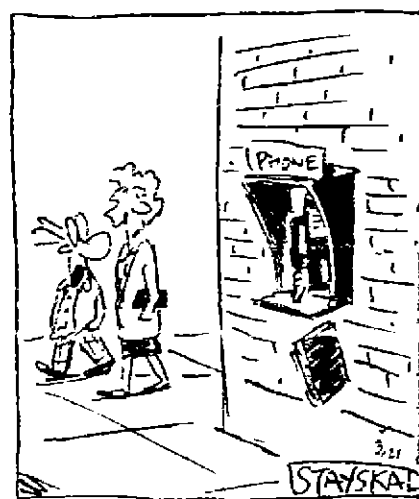
FAMILY CIRCUS



RYHMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Al Freeman Jr. is 66 Actress Kathleen Widdoes (As the World Turns) is 61 Actor Timothy Dalton is 58 Actress Marie-Christine Barrault is 58 Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sl and the Family Stone) is 55 Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 50 Rock musician Conrad Lozano (Los Lobos) is 49 Rhythm-and-blues singer Russell Thompkins Jr. (The Stylistics) is 49

I NEED HELP



At the supermodel weigh-in.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 140-150
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 7 to 11 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points to each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words are 50 points bonus. Bonus words are any letter has no point value. A bonus word is in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Unabridged) and OGS Official Scrabble Words (Changes). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-21-02

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, March 22

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Do your best to think of how your actions affect other people today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Today an ordinary task may be given a new and more exciting face.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a great day to get together with friends and family members to openly discuss ideas.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It might be necessary for you to stay close to home when a family issue arises today.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your magnetic personality draws interesting people to you today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be very careful not to spend your money foolishly today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Expect a great day as the moon moves into your house.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Making a difficult decision is even harder today as the moon moves into the house of Libra.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Socializing in large groups of people is better for you today than interacting one-on-one with friends or co-workers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The time has come to focus more of your attention onto your career.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Strange things have been known to happen once you open your mind to what's possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If someone is feeling neglected, the worst thing you can do is ignore them.

WORD SLEUTH

SPELLED USING THE 789 PHONE KEYS

UTPLHDYVRNPJFBX
UQMJSYRUPYFUBYU
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Monday's unlisted clue: **RODEO**
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: **A YOUNG DOG**

Purrs	Spurts	Trusty	Usury
Pult	Sluts	Trust	Wurst
Pully	Syrupy	Tutu	Yurt
Rusty	Trusts	Usurp	

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Years ago, before adoption of a code of bridge ethics, sharp practices were more common. These practices bordered on cheating and were collectively grouped under the name of "Alcatraz Coup." Today's slam deal features a version of an Alcatraz Coup. In a typical game, East wins his club ace and shifts to the heart queen. South wins, and success rests on a winning diamond finesse. If he finesses against West, he wins. If he finesses against East, he loses. However, with the unethical defender on his left, South can improve his chances to over 50 percent. After winning East's heart shift with his king South leads his trump jack in tempo, seducing West into believing that he is missing the trump queen. As suspected West fumbles before he plays low and West's ethical standards are confirmed. South overtakes with dummy's ace and leads a heart back to his ace to lead his diamond rick. This time West plays low without hesitation, and South knows what to do. If West hesitates without the queen, his lack of hesitation must promise the queen. South allows the jack to ride and instead of a guess, South cashes in on a sure thing.

Vulnerable North South
Dealer South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All pass

Opening lead: Club jack.

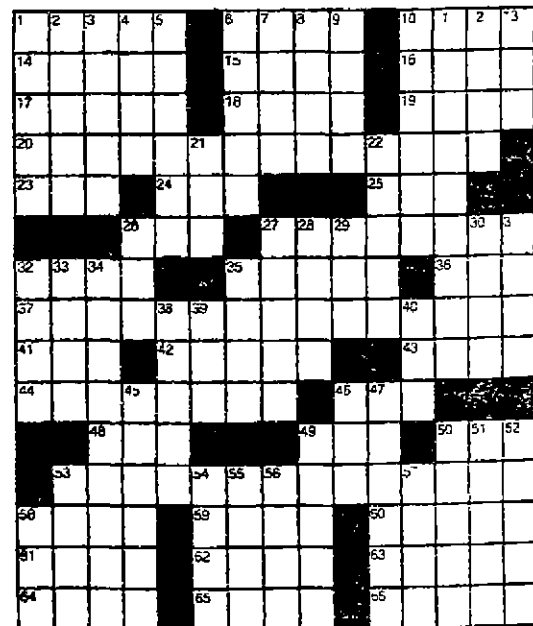
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0208

- ACROSS**
- Snacks in shells
 - Partly raid site
 - Quartet on a baseball field
 - First Hebrew letter
 - "Zip"—Doo-Dah!
 - Mosaic piece
 - Bulldogger's event
 - "Oh, my aching head", e.g.
 - Big chemical company
 - Movie with a hard-to-rhyme name
 - In a funk
 - Ages and ages
 - Mid-afternoon, on a sundial
 - Some E.R. cases
 - Black-eye soothers
 - Bump off
 - Demagnetize, as a tape
 - Shoobox letters
 - King with a hard-to-rhyme name
 - Suffix with hero
 - "Crazy" singer Patsy
 - "Wonderful Life"
 - Reaches the wrong party
 - Kind of dance or bnde
 - Old biddy
 - 1/2 case
 - Take steps
 - Pirate with a hard-to-rhyme name
 - Boor
 - It may get a licking after dinner
 - Wavelike design
 - Nave neighbor
 - Links carrier
 - "Stormy Weather" composer
 - Herbicide target
 - Proposer's prop
 - Most trifling
- DOWN**
- Bite-size pies
 - Hello from Ho
 - Handed over
 - Crude cartel
 - Chased away
 - Runyon or Wayans
 - Bad whiff
 - Brag in
 - 28-Down handout
 - Ideal spot
 - Pipe-smoking former Congresswoman Fernwick
 - Ballet bend
 - D.C. VIP.
 - Altos, Calif.
 - Not so green
 - Clive of "Thimble Theatre"
 - Shackles
 - See 9-Down
 - Anka's "Beso"
 - Toga party needs
 - "Did you ever lassie."

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

HBOMB GAIT HARK
ARNIE ORCA ETUI
HEADHUNTER DOLL
AWN ORGY PIGPEN
HOGS SAME
ALCOVE SAPPHIRE
VALUE MILE ODES
ADES SOLAR PEAT
SLOE QUAD SPADE
TENHOURS REESES
OLIN AUER
EAGLES ACTS ESP
SLID HIGHWATER
POLE ERIE WHALE
NEAR DENS SULLY



- ACROSS**
- 100 smackers
 - St. Teresa's birthplace
 - First known asteroid
 - Lott of Mississippi
 - Run easy!
 - Bookworm's counterpart
 - Algerian port
 - Roll call call
 - Tribal 'a es
 - Corpus juts
- DOWN**
- Thralion leg
 - Actress Vima
 - Home to the down-and-out
 - Pianist Gilets
 - Cupcake topper
 - Part of a recipe title
 - Televise
 - In need of body work
 - Used to be
 - Kind of magnetism

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone 1-800-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years 1 888 7 ACROSS